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MEDICAL FACULTY OF KEMPER COLLEGE.

THE Faculty of the Medical Department of Kemper College would respectfully announce to Medical Students and the profession generally, the prosperous condition of this Institution. This school, organized in 1840, under circumstances the most inauspicious to success, owing to the pecuniary embarrassment of the times, has, notwithstanding, advanced with a steady step in usefulness and respectability.

The Faculty, conscious of the advantages they possess, are determined to leave nothing undone calculated to enhance the interest of the institution, until it shall have attained a high and enviable position among similar institutions in the country. The geographical position of the school, together with other collateral advantages, have induced this determination. Permit us briefly to enumerate some of the more prominent circumstances which justify us, as we think, in entertaining hopes so sanguine.

Saint Louis, now containing a population of near 40,000, and advancing with a continually increasing momentum to future greatness, is already most emphatically the commercial emporium of the West. These giant-like strides to greatness, and this commercial pre-eminence, are attributable mainly to two causes: the vast extent of navigable water-course, amounting to some 50,000 miles, connected with Saint Louis, and an expanse of country almost boundless, irrigated by these rivers, inexhaustibly rich in mineral resources and agricultural capabilities, and filling-up rapidly with a population industrious and enterprising. The same causes which conspire to make this a great commercial city, point to it with a significance which cannot be misunderstood as the future home of Medical Science, and as the site for a great Medical School. Our College building is complete and ample. Connected with it is an Anatomical and Pathological Museum, of much advantage to the medical student; a Chemical Apparatus sufficiently extensive for all practical purposes, and, in progress of formation, a Medical Library, for the use of students. The material here for teaching Anatomy, which is the only true foundation of medical knowledge, exists in superabundance: this circumstance we would wish particularly to impress on the mind of medical students, as we are firmly convinced, that the only way of acquiring a correct and useful knowledge of Anatomical science is for the student to avail himself of the frequent opportunities of wending his *own* way through the complicated mazes of the human machine. Our Faculty is fully and permanently organized. We are all residents of the city, with the exception of the Professor of Chemistry, who we expect will become so this summer, and are not dependent on the emoluments arising from the school, so that the word *failure* is not recognized in our vocabulary.

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In view of these circumstances, and on looking back at the past progressive prosperity of our school, for the last five years, we trust, that the profession will neither consider us chimerical nor over-enthusiastic, when we express our anticipation of a bright future for the Medical Department of Kemper College.

Institutions, like individuals, are sometimes the subjects of misfortune, over which no human foresight or human power can exert control. During the session

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of 1843-'4, pestilence and death were in our midst. Many of our class narrowly escaped a premature grave, and some half-dozen of our number fell victims to the prevailing epidemic, (Erysipelas) which at the same time infested the city and surrounding country. The mortality of this epidemic, though not attributable to any local cause, produced a panic in our medical class, causing many of our first course students not to return, and thus prevented us from realizing that increase last session which we had been wont to realize in former years. We are happy, however, in being able to state, that during last session not a death occurred, nor even a case of serious indisposition, and we flatter ourselves the panic has already subsided, and that a kind Providence will forever shield us from so sore an affliction as we had during the session of 1843-'4. Our classes for the last three years average seventy-six pupils.

The Faculty of Kemper College have charge of the St. Louis Hospital, by virtue of a City Ordinance, during one-half the year. This institution contains from fifty to two hundred patients, presenting specimens of disease, the product of this and every other latitude of the South and West, on account of the commercial position of St. Louis. Medical cliniques are delivered three times per week by the Professor of Clinical Medicine, and Surgical operations are performed, and cliniques delivered frequently, by the Professor of Anatomy and Surgery, to all of which medical students are admitted.

There are six professorships in the Medical Department of Kemper College, the aggregate cost of the tickets of which is \$105: Matriculation fee, \$5 00: Dissecting ticket, \$10 00, which the student is not required to take but once: Graduation fee, \$20 00.

The requisites for graduation are, that the student shall be not less than twenty-one years of age, of good moral character—shall have enjoyed the advantage of two years' private pupilage, and have attended two full courses of lectures, the last of which must have been in this school; write and defend a thesis on some medical subject, and stand a satisfactory examination before the Faculty; or shall have attended three successive courses of lectures, without previous private pupilage; or shall have been engaged in a reputable practice for three years, and have attended one course of lectures in this school, together with the before-mentioned prerequisites.

Comfortable boarding can be procured within a convenient distance of the College, which is situated at the corner of Cerre and Ninth streets, at from two to three dollars per week.

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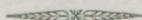
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LIST OF GRADUATES FOR THE SESSION OF 1844-45.

NAMES.	SUBJECT OF THESIS.	RESIDENCE.
JOHN B. McDOWELL.....	Scarlitina.....	Illinois.
ANDREW ROSS	Memory	Missouri.
JAMES K. McCURDY.....	Inflammation	Illinois.
JAMES B. KYLE	{ On the Medical and Therapeutic Properties of Water	Do.
D. W. FERGUSON	Phthisis Pulmonalis	Missouri.
WILLIAM D. WHITE	Cynanche Trachealis	Do.
HORATIO M. PARRISH.....	Remittent Fever	Do.
JOHN HAROLD	Remittent Fever	Do.
PERRY DAKAN	Inflammation	Illinois.
WILLIAM BLAND	Scarlet Fever	Missouri.
EDWARD B. STRODE.....	Amenorrhœa	Do.
JAMES R. POINTER	Dyspepsia	Do.
J. J. SADLER.....	Icterus	Illinois.
J. McCORD	Acute Peritonitis.....	Do.
ROBERT SUTHERLAND WILEY	Intermittent Fever	Missouri.
E. PARKER TONEY	Iodine	Do.

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